

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO. 07-100
v.	*	SECTION: "C"
GREGORY RHINEHART	*	
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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States would prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt.

On January 1, 2007, Puglia's Sporting Goods ("Puglia's"), located at 1925 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Metairie, Louisiana, a federally licensed firearms dealer whose entire inventory of weapons were shipped and transported in interstate commerce, was burglarized three times between the hours of midnight and 5:00a.m. **GREGORY RHINEHART** was present and participated in 2 of the 3 burglaries. On another occasion during this same time period, **RHINEHART** returned to the scene and picked up guns that had fallen to the ground. The defendant is responsible for the theft of up to ninety-nine (99) weapons.

The defendant stole, among others, an ArmaLite 5.56mm model M-15 Assault Rifle, serial number US230199. Attached to the assault rifle was a large capacity magazine capable of holding thirty (30) rounds of ammunition. The defendant admitted that he sold several of the stolen weapons and had possession of all of those listed in Count 9, including but not limited to: the aforesaid ArmaLite assault rifle; Beretta, 9 mm pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number TX01485; Desert Eagle, .45 caliber pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number 34312496; F&N Herstal, 28 mm pistol,

bearing manufacturer's serial number 386133204; Ruger, .22 caliber pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number 22922234; Springfield, .40 caliber pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number US261348; Springfield, .45 caliber pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number US664684; Taurus, .45 caliber pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number NZH78725; Walther, 9 mm pistol, bearing manufacturer's serial number FAB2921; and a Windham, .223 carbine rifle, bearing manufacturer's serial number L407828.

The defendant admits that at the time he possessed the weapons, he was a prohibited person having previously been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in jail, to wit: he was convicted on or about April 3, 2002, in the Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, Case Number 418431 "D," of Simple Burglary.

Read and Approved:

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Defendant

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